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SUBJECT: EC PARTICIPATION IN UN SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND FOR MSA'S

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 4576

B) EC BRUSSELS 4573

1. SUMMARY: CHEYSSON IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE EC COMMISSION NEXT WEEK SUGGESTING THAT THE EC COUNCIL OF DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS AT ITS SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING AGREE TO GO AHEAD WITH A PORTION OF THE \$500 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO THE
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APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE MSA'S WHICH THE EC

ANNOUNCED EARLIER IN THE SUMMER (REFTEL B). THE PROPOSAL REPRESENTS AN EFFORT AT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE DIFFERING POSITIONS OF THE BRITISH AND DUTCH ON THE ONE HAND AND THE GERMANS ON THE OTHER. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMISSION CONTACTS HAVE INFORMED US EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON IS PREPARING FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION ON SEPTEMBER 11 A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL PROVIDING THAT THE EC GO AHEAD WITH AT LEAST A PORTION OF ITS ANNOUNCED COMMITMENT TO EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (MSA'S). IF THE COMMISSION APPROVES, THE PROPOSAL WOULD COME UP AT THE DEVELOPMENT MINISTERS'S MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24.

3. THE ORIGINAL EC POSITION WAS THAT ITS OFFER OF 500 MILLION DOLLARS WAS CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTIONS BY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES (MAINLY THE US) AND THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES. CHEYSSON NOW BELIEVES THE EC SHOULD SHOW ITS INTEREST AND GOOD FAITH BY MAKING A PARTIAL PAYMENT WITHOUT WAITING FOR OTHER DONORS. THIS ACTION WILL DEMONSTRATE EC CONCERN FOR THE MSA'S AND MAY PUSH OTHER DONORS TO TAKE ACTION.

4. THE AMOUNT OF THIS FIRST INSTALLMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BUT DIRECTOR GENERAL WELLENSTEIN MENTIONED \$100 MILLION TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD. SOME OF THIS MONEY WOULD BE COMMITTED THROUGH THE UN SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND, BUT THE PROPOSAL ALSO CALLS FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT TO BE KEPT IN THE HANDS OF THE EC TO BE USED FOR BILATERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS BANGLADESH.

5. THE CHEYSSON PROPOSAL IS A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE BRITISH/DUTCH WHO WANT EARLY POSITIVE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE MSA PROBLEM, AND THE GERMANS, WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THE EC WITHOUT FIRM COMMITMENTS FROM OTHER DONORS.

6. FOR INTERNAL BUDGETARY REASONS FUNDING FOR THIS FIRST INSTALLMENT WOULD BE SPLIT BETWEEN AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE CURRENT 1974. BUDGET AND A REQUEST TO BE CONTAINED TN THE 1975 COMMISSON BUDGET. THE 1975 BUDGET IS ITSELF TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SUBJECT OF A COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23. GREENWALD

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